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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.

STEP ONE:

FIND
THE CHAOS
EMERALD YOU
PICKED UP A
BLIP FROM.

STEP TWO:

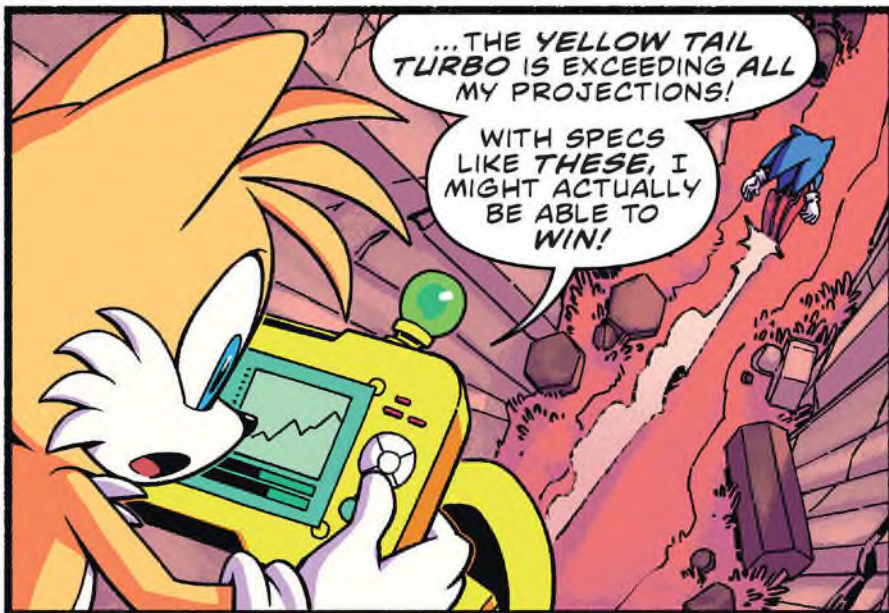
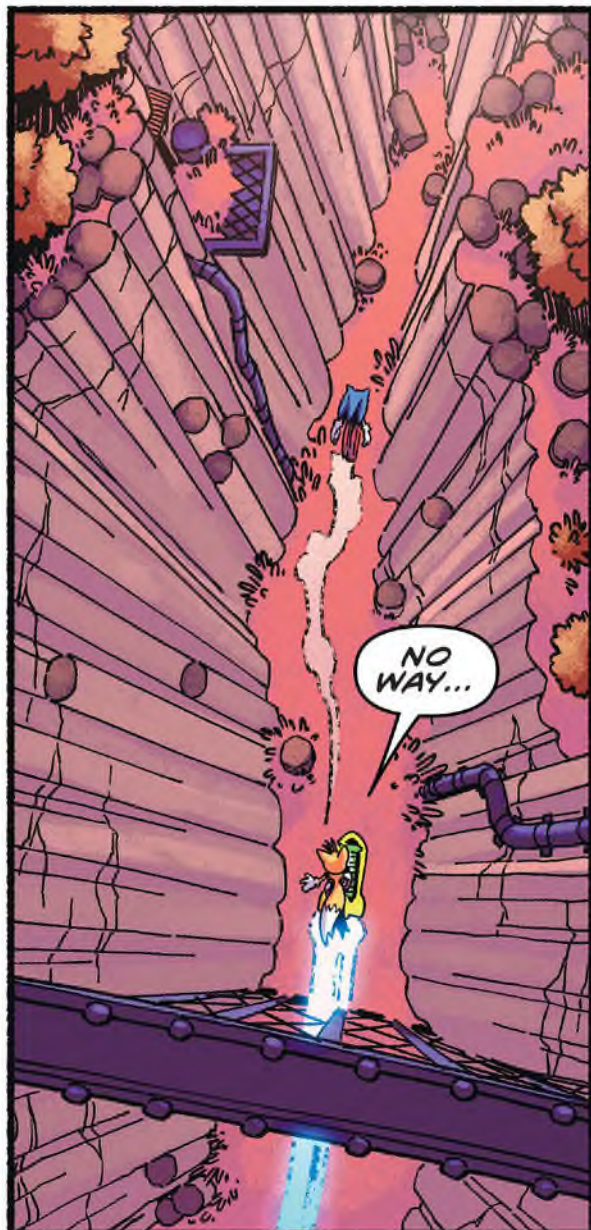
SEE IF
YOUR FANCY
NEW EX-GEAR IS
AS GOOD AS YOU
SAY IT IS. READY,
BUDDY?

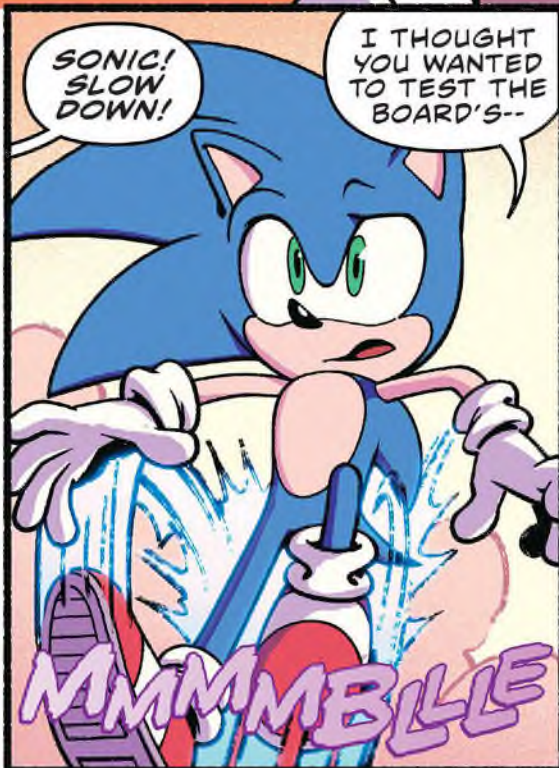
FIRST ONE
TO FIND THE
EMERALD
WINS!

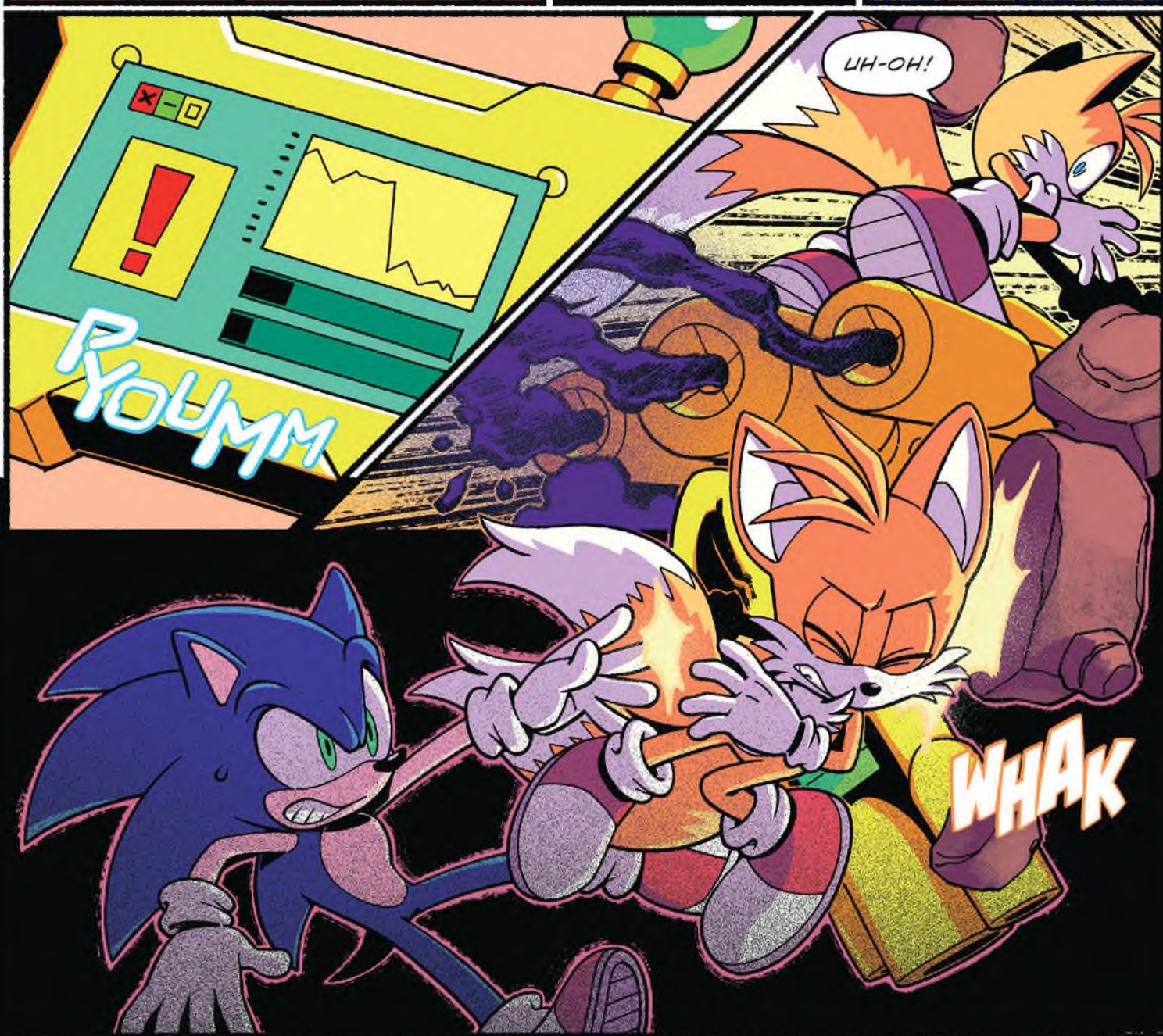
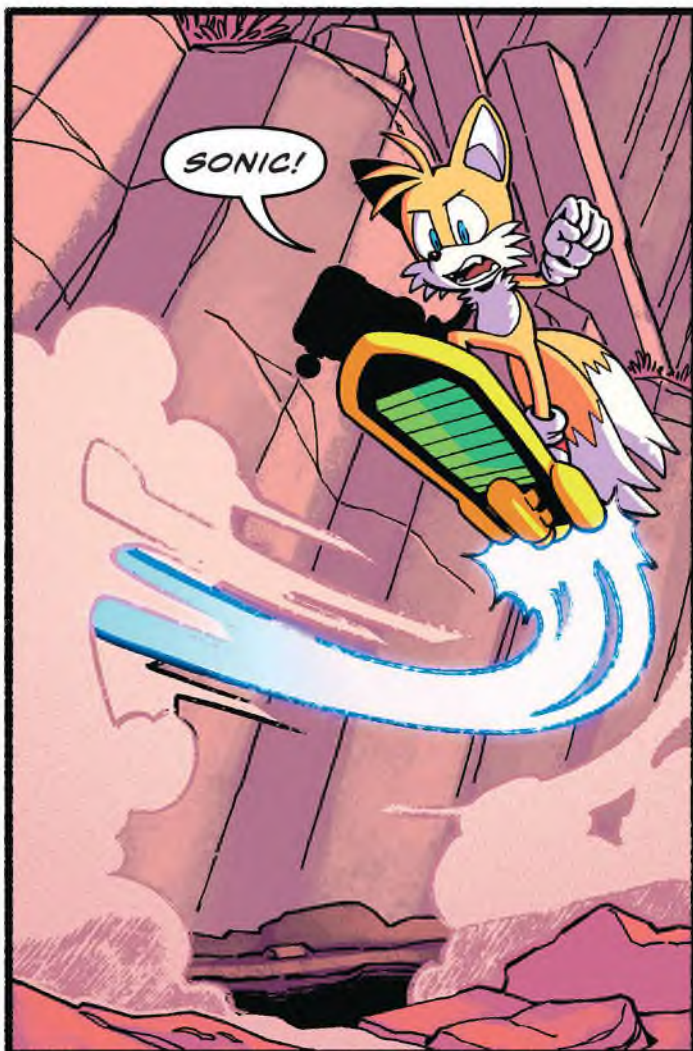
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...Go!

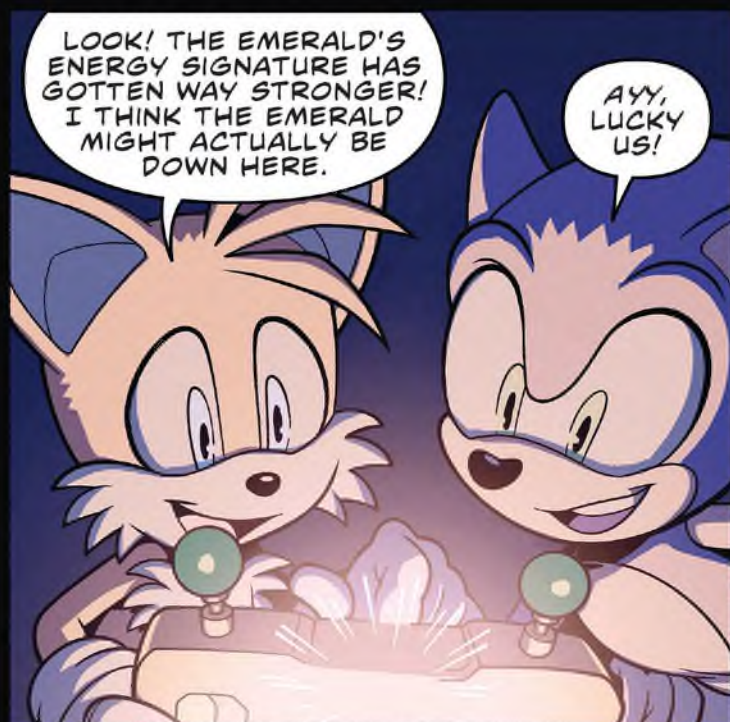
BOOM

















WHY WOULD YOU GET ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE?

I DREAMT I WAS A MURDERER. I'D FIND A GOOD PLACE FOR TRAP TO HIDE OUT TON.

I SHOULD TELL YOU A SECRET...



CRASH



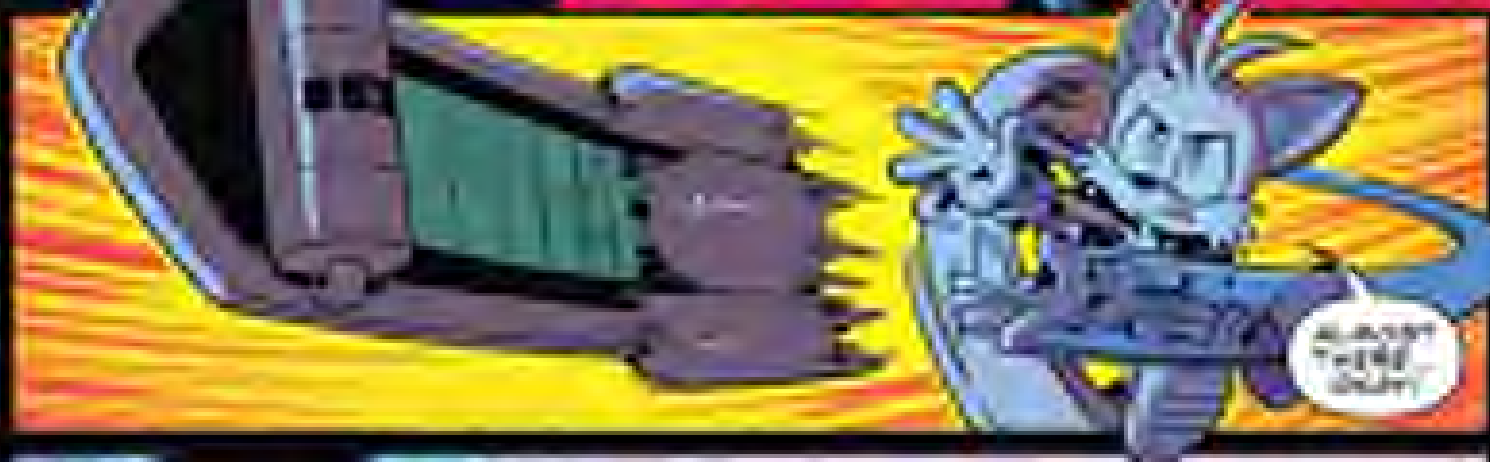


HELLO?
SOMETHING
BAD'S HAPPENING
DOWN HERE!

GET A
SECOND!

It doesn't
seem like a really
LOT OF THING
HAPPENING NOW!

WHAM





WERE YOU
SO YOUNG THAT
YOU BRAG OF
YOUR AGE?

JUST LEAVE MY
OBSESSIONS ALONE!



DO THE BIG BOY
WAG PROTECTING
THIS PLACE
JUNK...

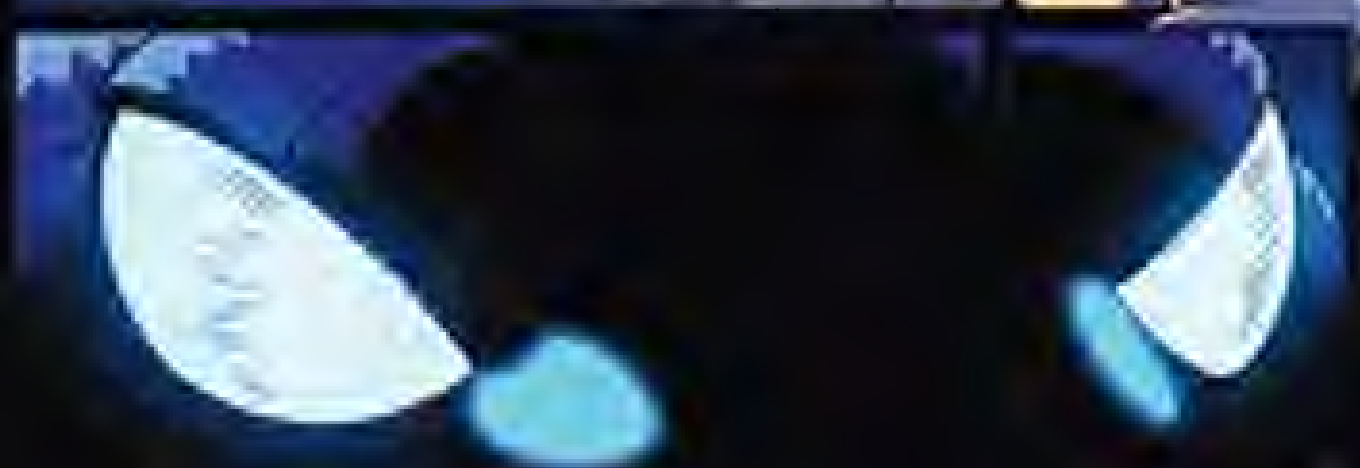


I DON'T
KNOW IF YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND ME, BUT
WE'RE GOING FURTHER
FURTHER INTO YOUR
WORLD, DUE.

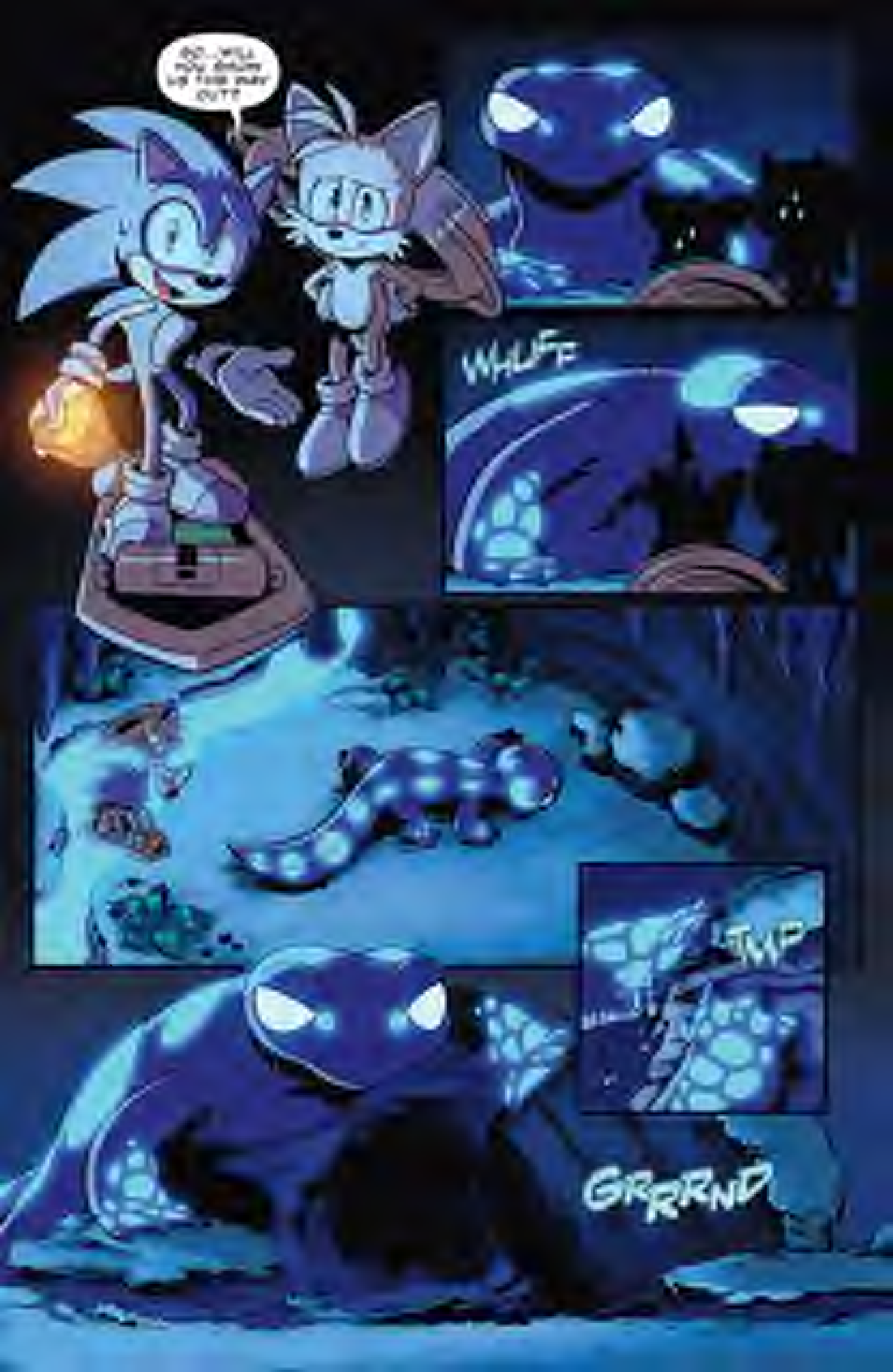
WE CAN
KEEP YOUR POWER
IF YOU WANT TO
KEEP IT, IT'S
POSSIBLE.

BUT IF WE
DON'T HAVE IT,
SOMEONE ELSE WILL,
AND PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO BE
KILLED FOR IT. THIS PLACE
WON'T BE SAFE.

BUT IF YOU
LET US HAVE IT,
IT'LL BE OVER. I
PROMISE.



GO...WILL
YOU BRING
UP THE MARY
CUTT



WALF

TAP

GRRRND





DO NOT MISS SONIC, FANG THE HUNTER, AND SEE YOU IN 2004!



NEXT MONTH



Fang the Hunter

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



What's up, Sonic Squad? That was a really fun one! It's been a while since we just got to hang out in a cave with a big salamander with Sonic and Tails. And certainly finding a Chaos Emerald means good news on the horizon, right? Thanks for joining Evan Stanley, Matt Frowse, Josh Burham, and Shawn Lee for "The Protector"! Now, let's check out your submissions. Be sure to read until the end for a special announcement!

Thanks for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to IDWcomics@idw.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next time, we're kicking off the new year with something really cool—Sonic the Hedgehog: Fang the Hunter! This is our first Classic Sonic mini-series, starting Fang the Hunter, who you've just seen in Sonic Superstars! We think this book's really cool, so for the next few months, it'll be our main Sonic title, and we'll pick back up with issue #10 and the next part of this story later in the year! We hope you'll join us for this exciting adventure about everyone's favorite jolly jammer!







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VIEW FROM THE

BACK PAGE

Hey, there!

It's been a minute.

Used to be that most comic book companies ran regular editorials in the back of their comics. When I first started reading comics, for instance, you could expect some new musings from Stan "The Man" Lee every month. Those and letters columns, in the days before the internet, were the only real ways you could take a peek behind the curtain and get any inkling that there were people making all the four-color adventures populating corner-store spinner racks. Tales from the bullpen or mentions of offices on Broadway in New York City were my first indication that there were jobs to be had putting funny books together.

It wasn't that long ago that you'd find these sorts of things in IDW comics as well. I can't tell you exactly why those went away—it was before my time—but I can do something about bringing them back. It's a perk of having a fancy title like Editor-in-chief.

So, consider this the first editorial of many—our return to communicating directly with you, our reader. This inaugural column is IDW's way of saying, "Hello again"; next month, you'll start getting something more.

Expect us to do some hyping, but also to peel back the curtain with some musings from behind the scenes. Ever wonder how we come up with a big story like last summer's *Star Trek: Day of Blood*? Or where we find all those cool artists to draw *Sonic the Hedgehog*? What are our editors' favorite *My Little Ponies* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*? Or how do the folks behind *Beneath the Trees Where Nobody Sees* block that day's work from their minds so they can fall asleep at night?

These are the kinds of things you might find out here.

In addition, we are putting other fun things back into our comics, like places to print fan letters and art. Whether you read *Godzilla* or *Earthdivers*, *Dungeons & Dragons* or *The Hunger and the Dusk*, keep your eyes peeled for more info on how you can take part!

Because we aren't ashamed to admit that we missed hanging out with you all. It's been too long!

Jamie S. Rich
Editor-in-chief, IDW



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